

the voucher, an example of which is annexed—they found 15 additional coupons, reducing the apparently missing number to five.— But they are fully convinced, that, in counting so large a number of them, it is almost impossible to bring them out without more labor than the matter was worthy of—particularly as the coupon register and cash book of the commissioner fully substantiate the payments made and claimed. There is an amount in the loan office, of about \$1,250, on account of the premium, as equivalent to specie, due on dividends unclaimed, and which it is not probable ever will be demanded. The committee recommend, that the commissioner of loans be directed to refund to the Treasurer of the Western Shore whatever of this fund may be in his hands on the first day of April next, and that he refer to the Treasurer any claimant for premium after that time. They further recommend the annual appointment of a committee by the Legislature, to examine the books and accounts of the Commissioner of Loans, with authority after the settlement of his account, to destroy the cancelled bonds and coupons.

It is by no means clear, that under the existing law, the commissioner is not authorised to deposite the funds of the State to his individual credit; and it may be doubted, in case of his death, whether the public funds in his hands, would not be subject to the control of his executor or administrator, and although the State would have a preference, yet much delay and inconvenience might arise to her under such a state of things. They therefore recommend, that he be required by law, at all times, to deposite the State funds to the credit of the Commissioner of Loans.

The committee further recommend the passage of a law to authorise the Governor to surrender the bond of the late Commissioner of Loans, as soon as he produces the receipt of the present Commissioner of Loans, for the balance now on deposite to his credit in the Union Bank of Baltimore.

In conclusion, the committee have great pleasure in bearing their testimony to the zeal, fidelity, and ability, of the late Commissioner of Loans of the State of Maryland, in the discharge of the various and responsible duties of his office.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

RICHARD ESTEP, } Committee.  
J. O. WHARTON, }

Union Bank of Maryland,  
March 11, 1839.

I hereby certify that there appears a balance to the credit of H. W. Evans, Esq., Commissioner of loans, on the books of the Union Bank of Maryland, this day, of eleven thousand four hundred and ninety two dollars and forty-four cents.

\$ 11,492 44.

WM. WETHERALL,  
Book Keeper.